



Swine Barn Newsletter



Welcome to the 2022 Swine Barn

REMINDERS:

March 6, 2022 – Education Expo at Great Wolf Lodge

March 7, 2022 – NWMI 4-H Livestock Council Meeting

April 4, 2022 – NWMI 4-H Livestock Council Meeting

May 1, 2022 – Possession Date

May 2, 2022 – NWMI 4-H Livestock Council Meeting

May 18, 2022 (6pm – 8pm) and May 22, 2022 (12pm – 3pm) – Tag Verification @ Fair Grounds

Minimum Weight @ Fair: 225 lbs.

Maximum Weight @ Fair: 315 lbs.

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I would like to welcome all the 4-Hers to this year's barn and I hope this will be one of the best years ever!

Education Expo

I am extremely excited about our Education Expo this year! Remember, each youth is required to earn two education credits before June 30, 2022, in order to participate in the 4-H show and auction at the Northwestern Michigan Fair. Youth may earn their two credits by attending in-person educational events or completing two of the virtual options. Contact me for approval if you have another opportunity, you would like approval for.

The 2022 Education Expo will be on March 6, 2022, at Great Wolf Lodge. For swine-specific education, Jake DeDecker from MSU 4-H will be presenting on Showmanship at 10:00 a.m. and Judging Pigs from a Judge's perspective at 11:00 a.m.

For more information on the 2022 Education Expo, please go to the NWMI Livestock Council Page for more information:

Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council - Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council
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Super Seniors and Cloverbuds for 2022

Just a reminder that this year the swine barn will be welcoming back the Super Seniors! I know this has been a question in the past in our barn because of capacity, but this year we will be bringing them back for 2022.

We will also be allowing seven-year-old Cloverbuds to be able to bring their own project to the fair. An e-mail went out to those parents and leaders of seven-year-olds on Monday, February 14, 2022. Please remember, they must follow the May 1st possession date and must be present at the May 18th or May 22nd tagging verification. I also ask that the 4Her, parent, or leader confirm with me by July 1, 2022, that the seven-year-old Cloverbud would bring a project to fair, to allow me to have them on the pen assignment workflow.

Communication for Swine Barn

Reminder, we have a barn e-mail for the swine barn communications. This email can be passed along to new species chairs each term. The e-mail is swinebarn4H@gmail.com

Please know, I usually work on my 4H work on Sunday afternoon, if it is an EMERGENT issue, please feel free to call or text throughout the week.

Reminder on USDA 840 Tag

Reminder regarding the changes from last year on the USDA 840 Tag on your swine project. Please reach out to your breeder asking them to tag your project before possession. The MDARD will no longer provide bulk orders of official Identification tags for fairs or exhibitions. The individual (4Her) or owner of the animal will need to acquire the official identification for the animals.

If your breeder is unable to tag your swine, click on the following link for instruction on how to acquire a Premises Identification Number and then be able to purchase your USDA 840 tags: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/pork/swine-exhibition>

If you have any questions on this process, please reach out and we will help navigate with you.



Swine Tagging Verification

Swine Tagging verification is May 18, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and May 22, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the NWMI Fairgrounds parking lot. No other alternatives will be scheduled.

We will have a new tagging form this year. You must have the entire 840 number written on the form for each project, prior to pulling in the line.

We will again be tagging two swine projects per 4Her with the fee of \$10.00 for the second swine. The \$10.00 must be given at the tagging verification.

Swine Record Books

Swine Record Books will be updated by the April Livestock Council Meeting.

CHANGES TO THE SWINE GUIDEBOOK

Please look over the Swine Guidebook: www.northwestlivestockcouncil.org/swine

Changes are highlighted in the document.

If you have any questions regarding the Guidebook, please feel free to reach out!

